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In re Application of RICHAUD, Johan L. et al.

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In response to the Office Action mailed 3 September 2008, Applicants request early and favorable action on pending claims 28-29, 31-42, and 44-54. Applicants request the amendment of claims 28, 34, 42 and 47 according to the accompanying listing of claims. Applicants request the cancellation of claims 30 and 43. Support for the amendment of claims 28 and 42 is found at paragraphs [0037] and [0041] of the specification as well as in Figs. 8-13.